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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Security
Chief, Intelligence Law Division, OGC
Chief, Information Handling Committee,
Intelligence Community Staff

STAT FROM:
Legislation Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Computer Security Legislation

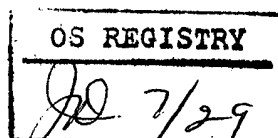
STAT REFERENCE: Memo to D/OS and C/ILD from dated
16 July, same subject

1. Attached is a proposed response to the request by Congressman Brooks for the Agency's views on H.R. 2889, a bill to establish a computer security research program and to set standards for training personnel in computer security. The proposed response states that while we share the concern of the Congressman over computer security, we cannot endorse the bill because it undercuts an established Administration program to enhance computer security in the federal government. The proposed response also states that the bill should be amended to protect the DCI's authorities if a decision is made to go ahead with the bill despite Administration opposition.

2. I would appreciate receiving your views on this proposed response at the earliest possible time. One area of the proposed response that you should focus on is our general opposition to the bill based on the fact that it overturns NSDD-145 on computer security. Since this NSDD was recently promulgated by the Administration, it is unlikely OMB will approve for transmittal to the Hill a letter that merely excepts the Agency from the scope of the bill, but does not address the fact that the bill totally overturns NSDD-145. For this reason, the attached response addresses both the NSDD and the need to safeguard current DCI authorities in this area.

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Memo for Chairman, DCI Security Committee

Bob:

Sorry for the delay in sending this.

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Attached is a statement
by Roy Brooks on NSA's
expanding security role.

FYI



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